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With M.P. at the end of his name, this novel character is an equal vulgar, but avaricious and miserly, as well as a miserly and avaricious wife, are seated in the seventh heaven of delight at the news of the engagement of their gentle pretty daughter, Beryl, with the young Lord Lurgashall. But their dearest social ambition is scarcely realised when the hyssop is dropped into the sweet cup drunk at their daughter's elevation by the discovery that she has been seduced by a low-bred and a low-bred man with the daughter of the low-bred landlady of the cottage at which the young hopeful has lodged. In this quandary the vulgar tuft-hunters take counsel with the friend of the family, the Hon. Monty Trimble, who reils his natural artfulness under a friendly and a friendly and a friendly advice of this serious creature, is that the son's marriage should be kept strictly as a family secret until Mrs. Hooley, the low-bred mother-in-law, and her daughter, Honora, have been privately educated up to the social mark which shall enable them to pass as equals in society as Mrs. and her husband's. In the society of Mrs. and her husband's, a series of heartburning disappointments, sending in the public exposure through a society journal, of the social fraud. This discovery is brought about through the Widow Hooley's wronging, under an impulse of Hibernian frankness, her dear friend, the Hon. M.P., of whom she has dropped her second-hand affections. The cup of bitterness for the parvenu pair is filled to overflowing on hearing from their high-spirited daughter, Beryl, that, shocked and shamed by the base duplicity of her parents, she has positively refused to rank you Lord Lurgashall, and to marry the son of a family of impostors by becoming his wife. Broken by the double downfall of the social hopes raised upon so false a base, Mr. and Mrs. Bompas fall to contrasting their present misery with their past happiness when in humbler circumstances as respectable tradesfolk, and in the hands of the unfortunate pair, the folly and falsehood they resolve to seek happiness in retirement. A bright gleam of sunshine enlivens their sadness in the renewal, with the consent of his aristocratic mother and father, of the chivalrous young Lord's proposal to marry Beryl. The story becomes involved to the close in a web of needless and disagreeable intrigue involving the young Lord's father, who is only spoken of with the demirep contributor to the society journal. The dialogue crackles like thorns under the pot with keen satiric wit, whose cynicism would, however, find a welcome relief by the occasional use of the slang wit of courtesy. The many characters of the play severally stand out clearly defined before the audience. It is a pity, perhaps, that of all these individuals there are but two, the aristocrat Lurgashall and the plebeian Beryl, gentle and simple in the good old English sense, who are wholly sympathetic, and that by contrast, though, with her keen dramatic instinct, goes far towards rendering Mrs. Bompas so by the fine emotional touches seen in her accomplished impersonation of the female tuft to rank, whose upstart husband was portrayed with passionate vigour by Mr. Edward Terry, which, however, would be by nature were so subdued and contrasted with occasional moments of quietude and repose. The exquisite of the acting came in the exquisite portrayal by Mr. H. Edmund Howard, the upstart son; a more truthful impersonation of a University end, so debauched as the play of the play, and so modern, that the stage has not presented. The eccentricities of the Bompas family friend, the Hon. Monty Trimble, were amusingly exploited by Mr. Elliot, and the characteristics of a typical Irish patriot of the day, in the person of Timothy McShane, M.P., found a genuinely truthful delineator in Mr. Fred Thorne. The character of the young Lord Lurgashall presented a handsome and interesting pair of lovers; and Miss Alexia Leighton with Miss Barradell acted with commendable sincerity the more Irish and less nice Mrs. Hooley and her daughter Honora. As the aristocratic mother of the young Lord lover, Miss M. Talbot, by tone and manner, inspired all respect and admiration. In secondary characters Miss Helena Dacre and Miss Hetty Dene completed a thoroughly artistic cast. A running fire of laughter at the keenly polished wit sallies of the piece came as a chorus to its dialogue, but by reason of the complication of the plot, the plot, the interest slackened at the concluding act, but not sufficiently to mar its success, acclaimed by hearty and unqualified plaudits and redoubled calls alike for actors and dramatist.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA  
COVENT GARDEN.**

Sir Augustus Harris opened Covent Garden Theatre on October 25th for the first performance of his autumn opera, "Don José et Juliette," which was chosen for this occasion, and was successfully performed by Mdlle. Simmonnet has a charming soprano voice, which was skillfully employed, and soon established herself in favour as a Juliette of more than ordinary merit. The Don José was M. Engel, who did no shine in that part. In all other respects the opera went well.

"Carmen" was performed on the 22nd inst., with Madame Deshayes in the title rôle. This accomplished artist speedily won favour by her artistic use of a beautiful soprano voice, and must henceforth be regarded as a powerful attraction. Mdlle. Simmonnet, as Michaela, made a further advance in public favour, and sang the song in the smugglers' haunt with genuine success. The other parts were fairly well filled.

On the 25th an interesting novelty was produced, (Gounod's) "Philemon et Baucis," which has long been popular in France, but hitherto never heard in this country. A decision of its musical merits must be deferred until it has been repeated, but it may be said at once that it is worthy of its composer. The score contains many vocal portions of unquestionable merit; amongst them, a duet-complet, "Au bruit des lours et mortels," which has been enthusiastically received by Mr. Santley's concertists. Equally excellent is the soprano air, "O redouvons belle!" and the final air "Il a verdus ma trace." Both

being exquisitely by Mdlle. Simmonet. In the last-named solo she sang florid passages extending to D flat with surprising intonation, and she saluted the audience by the prolonged their applause until she reported her difficult task. M.M. Engel (Philemon), Bouvet (Jupiter), and Lorrain (Vulcan), did their work well, and M. John conducted ably.

**COMEDY.**

The new farcical comedy, finally christened after several changes of title "Godpapa," brought out by Mr. Charles Hawtrey at his theatre on the 22nd October, would appear to have for its tap-root "Les Surprises du Divorce," familiarised to British players as "Mamma." For in the first act, which is by far and away the best of the three, served to the audience the ludicrous incident which is unfolded of a frisky young bachelor taking a certain lively little lady, whom he has never introduced to his family, to a matrimonial agency office for the purpose of obtaining for her a husband in order that he may himself be left free to take his wife. To the same bureau, as it will be, it comes, attended by a second and matrimonic-looking the surviving parent of the fair demitisse, to whom the frisky bachelor is legitimately engaged; the widower meeting the late lady friend of this young gentleman, is so smitten by her artfully artless ways, that he at once, the charmer to repair his own, usually speaking, and is accepted. As consequence, is presented of the act the droll complication being on the eve of becoming his mother-in-law. What follows through the second act, though rendered diverting by the skill of the performers through the kaleidoscopic shuffling of the characters played by these comedians, is of the close interest, but rather to the negative result, culminating in the projected matrimonial relations being set aside by the bachelor's female friend finally pairing off with somebody else than his late lover's father-in-law elect. Despite the disappointment of this coup manque, the fun of the piece continued, though at a slackening pace, to the close of the evening. Miss Vane, as the resigned lady—or rather the lady resigned—acted with the same keen sense of sly humour displayed by this sparkling comedienne in so many parts similar in kind but better in quality. For, truth tell, the clever little lady after the opening act found few opportunities for the display of her gipsies and cranks and dreamed smiles at the expense of Mrs. Brown Hutt and the frisky bachelor, was better off, his part being studded throughout with smart sayings, and to him also fell the most amusing situations of the plot. As the reduced lady of quality, who takes to professional match-making for a living, Miss Vane Featherston gave keenly satirical expression to the character in a spirit of comedy, Mr. Brookfield, as "the champion idiot" of an elderly amorous father-in-law elect, exemplified by his humorous individuality the truth of the proverb, "There is no fool like an old fool." In the rôle of the aristocratic keeper of the matrimonial bureau, Miss Anne Irish gave the requisite distinction of tone and manner to the part, and her good all round cast were played by Messrs. James Nelson, W. F. Hawtrey, and W. Wyes; and the Misses V. Armbruster, H. Lambert, E. Williams, S. Maris, and A. Griffith. Nothing but satisfaction found expression at the close of the piece, when, after a call for the authors, Messrs. H. C. Fildes and C. Brown, who were not acknowledged, Mr. Charles Hawtrey was summoned for special congratulations on his return to his own stage after his prolonged illness.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.**

**SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.**

On Oct. 24th "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" was produced, and with considerable success. The principal tenor part was taken by M. Chenelli, whose voice was too weak for the theatre, and was not in other respects an attractive Almalivra. Rosina was charmingly represented by Mdlle. Gargano, a young soprano, whose naturally fine voice has been cultivated. She acted in a most creditably, but acted admirably, and Vernon added greatly to the strength of Señor Lago's company. M.M. Ciampi Buti and Rossi, and Mdlle. Biancoli gave valuable aid, and the familiar strains of Rossini were heartily welcomed.

Mascagni's operetta, "Cavalleria Rusticana," sung by Señor Lago's company, opened on the 19th of October, and on the following Wednesday and Friday, is one of the most charming works of modern time, and likely to prove as popular as "Carmen." The plot is simple, but deeply interesting and the music is delightfully fresh and melodious, and splendidly orchestrated. The heroine, Lucia, is personated in an admirably manner by Mdlle. Musiani. M. Vignani is her lover, Turiddu. Both artists are singers of a high rank, and command attention from the moment they appear on the stage until the conclusion of the operetta. The other parts are well filled, and the ensemble performance of the production on October 22nd with great success, the heroine being represented by Mdlle. Giulia Valda, whose fine voice was in perfect order, and was delightfully employed in "Erani inlamenti," and other portions of the score. M. Bianchini was successful as Carlo V., and M. Rossi was an effective Silva. Vignani, and M. Rossi were the mounting and staging the well-contrived scenic-changes being especially commendable. The David Kingsley of Mr. H. A. Saintsbury, was excellent, inasmuch as the typical open-heartedness of the English sailor was always apparent in his action; while the fancies of this nautical hero found an excellent exponent in M. de Moreland; Mr. Herbert Goldard, the dashing Nicholas Moreland; Mr. Talbot Felmar, the good-natured Captain Nelson; whilst others of the characters are admirably portrayed by Messrs. A. Pearce, A. Leshon, F. Ward, M. Morton, A. Talbot, J. Kerner, Letta, and S. Carole. Miss Marion Denvil's Lana Nelson was an excellent impersonation, and the humour of the production was imparted by Mr. H. Ashford and Miss L. Collier, as Tom Dossiter and Peggy Chudleigh respectively. It may interest the patrons of this bistro theatre and others to be stated that the famous founded the "adventure" of Robinson Crusoe, will be produced here at Christmas.

**AQUARIUM.**

"Nitram Nere," as Mr. Martin Ingenious writes his name, succeeded on October 22nd in performing a "electric leap," a new phenomenon of three days occasioned by a miscalculation of distance. A daring fellow Nitram Nere, and he performs a great deal the short space of time he is in view of the

audience. First he assists the Sisters Macdonald in their high-wire exhibition, in itself a tremendous feat. Then, when the close of this item approaches, Niram ascends to a position near the roof by means of a rope ladder, and, at a signal from his manager, jumps, and reaches the ground, feet foremost, in the space of five seconds. His impact with the ground is, of course, broken, and mechanical science plays a little part in the performance of the feat, but it is so apparent to the spectators, who if they fail to perform its operations, must wait until the performer makes public his patent for reaching the ground from great heights.

**MARYLEBONE.**

The late Mr. Boscawen's version of "The Relief of Lucknow" was revived at the Marylebone Theatre, with Mrs. Henry Gascoigne in the part of Jessie Brown, in which she acquitted herself with her usual ability and vivacity. Miss L. Murray gave a pathetic interpretation of the part of Mrs. Gascoigne, through indisposition, the part of Randall Macgregor was assumed by Mr. J. Henderson, and a very spirited rendering he gave of it. The same praise is due to Mr. E. S. Searle, who enacted the part of Randall's brother, George; to Mr. H. Maxwell, as the comical chaplain of the regiment; to Mr. W. Bailey and Mr. K. St. John, as the Scottish and Irish corporals; Mr. J. F. Powell and Mr. C. A. Morgan were competent in the parts of Nana Sahib and Achmet respectively; while the minor characters were creditably played by Miss M. Henry, Miss M. Thorne, and other members of the company. The drama is well put on the stage, and the revival was in every way a success, the numerous audience assembled testified.

**ROYAL HOLBORN.**

The feature of the present programme of entertainment at the Royal is the spectacular military sketch, "Our Lads in Red." This, with its incidental songs and pleasantries, is tolerably familiar to music-hall habitués, who have a great affection for this staple provided it is done well. Mr. G. H. Macdormott is now supported by Mr. Alfred Harding, and between these accomplished comedians, and the first tenor, who is introducing the piece, which appears to be very popular here. We are pleased to see Mr. A. Corney back in town, and with a capital ditty entitled "Illustration," and also admire Miss E. P. Bliton's handsome costumes, but surely it is time she delighted her admirers with a new song. Mr. Jolly John Nana, the balladist, pleasantly sings "Kissed by the Sea," and Mr. J. McCarty dilates with much humour on the position of "Charlie at the Corner." Mr. James Manhill hits off some pungent satire in a patter act; Miss Lottie Collins contributes her "Widow" and "Whistling" specialties; Miss Nellie Lennox expounds the cause of the rank and file of the army, and her sister sings "The Soldier's Song." With other items more or less entertaining are contributed by Mr. Will Birt, Miss N. Arno, Mr. L. Bridgman, Miss E. Glenn, and others. A feature of the entertainment is the music discoursed at intervals by Mr. Eyre and his followers, and Mr. A. Swanborough is to be complimented on its introduction.

With sound discretion, Mrs. John Wood has resolved to withdraw "Pamela's Prodigy" at once, without discrediting the theatre rendered so popular under her management by continuing a performance which is not an entertainment. By the time these lines go to press for our Sunday edition the play will have been withdrawn, and for a brief time till a fresh and more attractive play can be prepared. It is rumoured that this piece is likely to be an adaptation by Mr. Frederic Horner.—The first dress rehearsal of "The Crusaders" took place at the Avenue last Tuesday, with a view to its production on Monday. The first scene, and the subsequent rapidly coming to an end at the Vaudeville, and so in "Thérèse Raquin" at the Royalty. Neither play has proved attractive enough to warrant its continuance on the stage.—Miss Maude Millett, with her own company, is playing in the country in "The Silver Shield," a play of Mr. Gruffydd Jones, which has always found great favour with actors than with their audiences.—"Under a Mask," the new play by Mr. Hamilton and the late Mr. Mark Quinton, is in active rehearsal at the St. James's for production as soon as ready.—Mr. Herman Vezin assumes the character of Napoleon in "The Royal Divorce" at the Court, and the late Mr. Murray Gordon has withdrawn, to open the Globe on or about the 9th November, with a farcical comedy by Mr. James Mortimer entitled "Gloriano." Mr. W. H. Griffiths becomes Mr. Carson's acting manager at the Globe.—At a Prince of Wales' matinee, about the middle of November, Mr. Sedgwick will put to proof the new comedy entitled "The Gaiety Girl," in which Mr. Arthur Playfair will mimic Mr. Tree, and Miss Laura Linden Miss Neilson.—Mr. Herman Vezin has written a comedy called "Mrs. M. P." which, having been primarily tried in a provincial theatre, is to be put to the test of London audience shortly at a matinee.—On Wednesday the Grand Opera Company of Madame Sara Bernhardt to London for season next spring; the theatre is likely to be the Shaftesbury.—Mr. Horace Linger will be the next occupant of the Royalty, which he will open with Messager's comic opera "Fauvette."—At the second matinee of "The Queen's Room" at the Grand Opera Company on Wednesday evening, the pianist Frankfort Moore, following the lead of Mr. Pinaro, presented each visitor to the stalls and dress circle, with a copy of his play.—On Monday, "Carmen" out to Data, will be presented at the Grand by the Gaiety company, which includes Messrs. E. J. Lonnes and Arthur Williams and Miss Florence S. John.—On Wednesday evening, the pianist, on the twenty-ninth anniversary of the opening of Collins's Music Hall will be celebrated with the usual festivities.—Mr. Horace Linger and company will appear in "The O'Guard" at the Elephant and Castle on Monday.—On Thursday, a special entertainment will be given at Marlow's Music Hall for the benefit of Miss E. E. Adams. The piece, "The Man of Malacca," a drama, "Fly from Justice," will be revived at the East-end theatres on Monday, viz., the Pavilion and Britannia. In the Pavilion production the part of Haldane Gully will be played by Mr. J. H. Clydes and that of Winnie Bradley by Miss Maude Elmore. The Britannia revival of Percy Heath's drama, "Round the Ring," will be the first of the new "New week" attractions at the Stratford theatre will be the drama "In the Ranks," and that of the Lyric, Hammersmith, "It's New in Too Late to Mend."—The late Dr. Boscawen's four-act drama "The Stride

will be rivaled at the Standard on Monday.

The "Electric Leap" item of the Aquarium entertainment was not forthcoming on Saturday evening last, and we believe it has been withdrawn.—The Thursday popular concerts at the Royal Victoria Hall are now in full swing, and Miss Coas has the gratification of knowing that her efforts on the behalf of music lovers are appreciated. On Thursday last the ballad concert was well attended, and some first-class vocalists were heard, including Messrs. Watkin Mills, J. Bartlett, F. B. Hardwicke, H. James, J. H. Maunders; Mesdames E. Rees, M. Gwynne, E. Lamb, M. Eisler; and others.

**AN ARTIST'S TROUBLES.**

The misery of sitting for one's portrait has been described in graphic language; but so the artist's life is, the painter Professor Herkimer, who speaks with authority, has come forward to supply the omission. Submitting the finished work to the family is a trial. Of course, nearly every one of the circle had been expecting something different. On one such occasion a lady sitter said to him: "This is a very nice moment for both of us." During the critical examination the painter "walked about his studio and tidied up the whole place." Sometimes the sitter's wife will say "Just stand next it, dear." Here Professor Herkimer is of opinion that the artist should turn round and put his foot down because a picture ought to look right, or not right. After a while, if he is not satisfied, he will say "Take it up, and then, but not earlier, the painter should cease from tidying his room. A lady once said to Professor Herkimer, "Do you flatter?" He answered, "No." "Then," she replied, "I must go somewhere else." It is satisfactory to learn on such good authority that photography has not been injuriously affected by the painting in the world. There is, in Mr. Herkimer's opinion, more portraits painted now than at any other time in the world's history, and it is his belief that the best are done in England.

**LOSS OF A MAIL STEAMER.**

The special correspondent of the *South American Journal* at Panama telegraphed at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday as follows:—"The Royal Mail steamer Moselle a total wreck at Colon. All saved. Weather very rough. The Press Association learns on inquiry that a message to the same effect has been received by the owners."

**AN HONEST PORTER.**

An American saloon passenger, who landed at Queenstown on Thursday for a few hours from the White Star liner *Germania*, lost his purse, containing in paper money over £1,500. It was found by a quaker porter named James Ring, who returned it to the owner and received £5 reward.

**CONCERT HALL DESTROYED.**

A telegram from New Orleans to Dalziel says that the Royal Concert Hall collapsed on Wednesday night during a fire. Four workmen were buried in the ruins.

**SENNEB LIFEBOAT SCANDAL.**

With reference to the recent refusal of the lifeboat men at Sennen Cove to man the lifeboat on the 30th September last to render assistance to a vessel in distress, the committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, after carefully considering all the evidence adduced at the investigation, held at Penzance, are satisfied that such refusal did not arise from cowardice or from fear to face the situation. They find, with regret, that it was the consequence of the grave lack of discipline which has for some time obtained at this lifeboat station. The Sennen Institution were clearly understood that all those who henceforth desire to serve in the lifeboats of the institution, and to receive the pay, must strictly obey the regulations and attend to the directions of the coxswain. Unless prepared to accept the conditions no one will in future be allowed to enter the lifeboat either for service or for exercise.

**A LEEDS MYSTERY.**

A woman and child, who were drowned at the same time in the River Aire at Leeds, were on Thursday identified as Edna and Horace Walker, the former being the wife of a carrier who is in America and the latter, their child, aged 2 years.

**THE EASTBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE SALVATION ARMY.**

At the Eastbourne Town Council meeting, Councillor B. Bennett called attention to resolution of the General Purposes Committee that Mr. Sherward, an official of the corporation, was to be warned against writing in newspaper respecting the Salvation Army. He had done. The mayor replied that Mr. Sherward had written an official attacking the authorities.—Mr. Alderman Keay said should in fairness be made known that although Mr. Sherward, as an official of the corporation, had been warned for writing in favour of the Salvation Army, another official had been warned against attacking the members of the army. He concluded by saying that these distinctions, which appear in the newspapers.—Councillor Adams said it was utterly impossible for even press reports to exaggerate what had occurred at Eastbourne on Sundays, and it was time the military were called on to deal with the disturbances.—Councillor Chambers said the corporation strongly denounced the method of the Salvation Army, and the corporation should persevere in their present course until they won. The mayor said the Salvationists were themselves to blame for the Sunday band disturbances. Let the band be kept out and Eastbourne would again enjoy peace and quietness.

**AFFAIRS OF LORD ESME GORDON.**

At the London Court of Bankruptcy on Thursday, an application was made for the approval of a scheme of arrangement which has been assented to by the creditors of Lord Esme Stuart Gordon, heir of Huntly, but having no interest in the estates. The liabilities amounted to £16,380, and in the scheme the sum of £3,765 is to be provided in augmentation of the assets by Mr. William Brown, of Clifton, with a view to the payment of a dividend of not less than 7s. 6d. in the pound. Mr. Brown has been granted £175,000 on condition of his right to participate in the dividend payable under the scheme. The official receiver reported that in addition to the expenditure of his income of £22,000 a year the debtor had, within the last few years, incurred debts for personal expenditure to the amount of upwards of £12,000. He has incurred liabilities for £175,000 on account of bills, in respect of which he has received about £1,000, which he had expended on his personal requirements. The registrar pointed out that it was necessary that there should be an absolute withdrawal by Mr. Brown of his proof, and Mr. Horatio Read said this should be given, in fact, the scheme was thereupon approved, his Honor observing that it was manifestly for the benefit of the creditors.

Telegraphic communication has now been successfully established between Fort Wemyss, Devon, the broadwater Fort, Plymouth Sound, and Fort Picklecombe on the western shore of the harbour. The work has been carried out under great difficulties owing to the bad weather, a gale having been dashed upon the rocks last badly damaged.

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**SHOCKING WIFE MURDER AT SHOREDITCH.**

At the West-End Police Court, Frederick Augustus Harvey, 31 years of age, described as a French polisher, living at 24, St. John's-terrace, Hackney-road, was brought up in custody of Insp. Leonard, G Division, charged with the wilful murder of his wife, Elizabeth. Harvey, by stabbing her in the breast with a pocket-knife. The prisoner was represented by Mr. Morris (Abbott and Co.), solicitor. The inspector in charge of the case said the prisoner was charged on the police-sheet with feloniously cutting and wounding his wife, at the time he was taken into custody (shortly before 11 o'clock on Sunday morning), being alive. He (the inspector) had, however, received formal information from the officials of the workhouse infirmary at Shoreditch, to which place the injured woman was removed, that she died there at 3.35 on Sunday afternoon. The prisoner was therefore now charged with murder. A witness was present to whom the prisoner admitted that he had inflicted the wound, and the woman died, when being attended by the divisional surgeon (Mr. Oliver) made a statement that her husband had threatened her with a knife as she lay in bed, but had not struck her. She left their bed-room determined to pass the night with her children. He followed her into the little room where they slept and stabbed her there. The prisoner, when formally charged at the station, said, "I never did it wilfully, she would have brained me with the poker if I had not defended myself."—Anthony Hester said he lived at 24, St. John's-terrace. At 12.20 on the night of October 24th, when at supper with his wife in the kitchen, he heard a disturbance in the prisoner's room. He had not known if the prisoner was in there, having himself been in the kitchen for some time. He heard the woman scream, and he ran out of the kitchen, upstairs, to the passage. The prisoner met him at the foot of the stairs leading from the upper part of the house, and said, "Mr. Hester, I will give myself in your charge. I've stabbed her." Witness ran upstairs and saw the wife standing at the door of her room in her chemise, down the front of which blood was pouring. Witness's wife attended to her, and got her into the room, whilst witness took care of the prisoner and sent for a policeman and a surgeon. She was removed from the house on Sunday morning, and witness afterwards heard of her death. The notification of the woman's death was produced, and Mr. Hester said that on that day he would remain the prisoner for eight days. The prisoner made no remark whilst in the dock, and was then removed.

**INQUEST AND VERDICT.**  
Dr. R. Macdonald, M.P., opened an inquiry at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Thursday, regarding the death of the woman Harvey. The coroner, Mr. Grafton, presided. The deceased, Elizabeth Harvey, was 36 years of age, and resided at 24, St. John's-terrace, Shoreditch. John Church, the father, stated that he was a widower. The deceased had been an in-patient of a hospital, suffering from heart disease, but four weeks before her death she was at home. He could not afford to pay any one to look after the deceased, but he did not think she was "so bad." She used to cook her own food when she was well enough to do so. On October 21st, while the deceased lay in bed, the witness and one of his sons had a quarrel, and that great grief, which was only deepened by her younger brother to keep. The evidence of two neighbours was to the effect that between 2 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of October 21st the deceased was sitting on a chair foaming at the mouth. She said that she had been frightened by her father and brother fighting. She was in being too ill to dress herself or change her clothing. The deceased said that her brother was very unkind to her, and she struck her a blow before she went to the hospital. Nathaniel Church, the brother spoken of, denied that he ever struck the deceased at any time. Dr. Arthur Hatching stated that he was called to the deceased and found her in a dying condition. She asked him for food, but he thought she was delirious then. He was informed that the child had had no food except what the neighbours gave her, and that she had been neglected. She was very dirty and insufficiently clothed. Suffering, as she was with heart disease and dropsy, it would be impossible for her to look after herself or cook her food. She had not been properly cared for, and death had been hastened by neglect. The post mortem examination showed that the cause of death was heart disease and dropsy. It also showed that the child had not had sufficient nourishment. The jury returned a verdict of death from heart disease and dropsy, and added that they considered the father's treatment of the girl very cruel, monstrous, and brutal, and requested the coroner to censure him. The coroner told him that he might consider himself lucky that he was not sent for trial for manslaughter.

**SHOCKING TREATMENT OF A DYING CHILD.**

Dr. Macdonald, coroner for North-East London, held an inquest at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, respecting the death of Mary Jane Church, aged 13, the daughter of a chair-maker, residing at 12, Alexander Buildings, Shoreditch. John Church, the father, stated that he was a widower. The deceased had been an in-patient of a hospital, suffering from heart disease, but four weeks before her death she was at home. He could not afford to pay any one to look after the deceased, but he did not think she was "so bad." She used to cook her own food when she was well enough to do so. On October 21st, while the deceased lay in bed, the witness and one of his sons had a quarrel, and that great grief, which was only deepened by her younger brother to keep. The evidence of two neighbours was to the effect that between 2 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of October 21st the deceased was sitting on a chair foaming at the mouth. She said that she had been frightened by her father and brother fighting. She was in being too ill to dress herself or change her clothing. The deceased said that her brother was very unkind to her, and she struck her a blow before she went to the hospital. Nathaniel Church, the brother spoken of, denied that he ever struck the deceased at any time. Dr. Arthur Hatching stated that he was called to the deceased and found her in a dying condition. She asked him for food, but he thought she was delirious then. He was informed that the child had had no food except what the neighbours gave her, and that she had been neglected. She was very dirty and insufficiently clothed. Suffering, as she was with heart disease and dropsy, it would be impossible for her to look after herself or cook her food. She had not been properly cared for, and death had been hastened by neglect. The post mortem examination showed that the cause of death was heart disease and dropsy. It also showed that the child had not had sufficient nourishment. The jury returned a verdict of death from heart disease and dropsy, and added that they considered the father's treatment of the girl very cruel, monstrous, and brutal, and requested the coroner to censure him. The coroner told him that he might consider himself lucky that he was not sent for trial for manslaughter.

**TURF SCANDALS IN AUSTRIA.**

The directors of the Austro-Hungarian Jockey Club have met in Vienna to discuss the racing frauds which have lately been discovered and in which several jockeys are implicated. It has been ascertained that during the whole racing season the jockeys in question have kept up communication with a number of persons in Vienna and Berlin, whose names are known, and who have telegraphed tips based upon arrangements made among themselves. Two jockeys have had their licenses taken away for all races in Austria and Hungary. This punishment also excludes them from taking any part in races in Germany, England, or France, as a few days ago an arrangement to this effect was made between the Jockey Clubs of Austria, France, England, and Germany. Other jockeys were reprimanded. The riding of one of the jockeys had given cause for distrust some time before. The judges in the case were Prince Franz Auerberg, Prince Alfred Montenegro, Prince Paul Esterhazy, Count Elemer Bathany, Baron Uchititz, and Count Tassilo Festetics. The private persons implicated were five in Vienna, and seven in Budapest. They will all be refused admittance to the races. Among those in Vienna are a doctor of medicine and a horse-dealer.

There died at Liverpool, on Tuesday, at the age of 82, Mr. William Santley, father of the eminent baritone, Mr. Charles Santley. The deceased spent practically his whole life in Liverpool, where he was a well-known and respected teacher of pianoforte playing and singing.

**THE LORD MAYOR-ELECT.**

In accordance with ancient custom the Lord Chancellor received the Lord Mayor-elect and sheriffs of London at the House of Lords to convey to the chief magistrate of the City the Queen's consent to his election. The Lord Mayor-elect, Mr. Alderman David Evans, drove from the Mansion House in state, accompanied by the sheriffs and the officials of the corporation. A procession was formed and walked to the Prince's Chamber, where they awaited the entry of the Lord Chancellor. Lord Halsbury, in his gold lace robes and full-bottomed wig, and attended by a retinue of officials, entered the chambers shortly after half-past 11, and bowed low to the Lord Mayor-elect, the recorder, and the officials. The ceremony of formal introduction was performed by the recorder, Sir Thomas Chambers, who, addressing the Lord Chancellor, said he had the honour of introducing Alderman Evans, who had been returned by the liverymen of London, and chosen by the Court of Aldermen to be Lord Mayor for the year ensuing. He was the first native of the principality of Wales who had occupied the civic chair for nearly a century. The Lord Mayor-elect had attained to this high municipal dignity at an earlier period in his public career and at an earlier age than had been usual with his predecessors, but he was not, nevertheless, without such experience and attainments as amply qualified him for the arduous duties of chief magistrate of the City of London. Deprived of his early life of the counsel and care of a father, his friends obtained for him, at the age of 18, the post of representative in France of the great commercial house founded and continued by his uncle; and so efficiently did he manage the business he undertook, that immediately he attained his majority he was made a member of the firm of that large establishment. He has been for some years the head and, indeed, the sole proprietor. His career in business has been honourable and successful. The recorder then gave an account of the civic positions occupied by Alderman Evans. He had done good service to the corporation. By the recent retirement of Mr. Alderman Gray, he came to the civic chair as magistrate as an alderman of only seven years' standing, and at the early age of 43 years. The Lord Mayor-elect was on the court of three of the livery companies, and was justice of the peace for his native county of Glamorgan. He was a member of the public and the warm sympathy and regard of his colleagues. The Lord Chancellor said it gave him great pleasure that he had the honour of welcoming as Lord Mayor-elect of the City of London a gentleman with respect to whom the catalogue which the recorder had given did not absolutely complete the list. He had personally known him to recognise the great kindness he had received from the Lord Mayor-elect. It was, therefore, with very great pleasure that he had to announce her Majesty's approval of the choice of the City of London, over the affairs of which he was sure the Lord Mayor-elect would preside with grace and dignity. The Lord Mayor-elect, having shaken hands with the Lord Chancellor and sheriffs, bowed and retired.

**A BATTLE WITH DEATH.**

According to a Vienna correspondent, the Archduchess Margaret, daughter of the Archduke Charles Louis, is still battling with smallpox. She is in a very serious condition, and is continually in the delirium of fever, and does not know any one. The Archduchess, although she is past 21, has only just blossomed into womanhood. She is tall and slender, with beautiful fair hair, which she wears like a crown on her head. She has the brilliant blue eyes of a fair-skinned girl, and is extremely pretty, and shows her small teeth. Her great charm is modesty, and those who have only once seen her in the family circle will always remember her. Her greatest friend is Princess Marie Louise of Parma, who is the same age as herself. The correspondent has seen an album belonging to the princess, in which the Archduchess had made a water-colour drawing of two little girls in Kate Greenaway dresses, one of them holding up her skirts and running away, the other racing after with a huge album in her arms. Below are written the English words, "Beware of scrapbook girls!" On being complimented upon the work, the Archduchess blushed. She said she loved art dearly—she wished she might give her whole time to it. The young princess was every morning to be seen driving to St. Augustine's Church to hear mass. She never swerved from this self-imposed duty. A few weeks ago she went with her step-mother, the Archduchess Maria Theresa, to "adore" the Holy Coat at Treviso. The shoes and three hours in the cathedral were enough to give a delicate and tenderly reared princess a serious illness, but it did not show itself until a few days ago. The princess is nursed by her step-mother and two sisters of charity. The Emperor and all the imperial household visit the family several times daily.

**A MEDICAL SCANDAL.**

Dr. Steele Scott, a Birmingham medical practitioner, keeps, by his own admission, two branch establishments in that city, each of which is in the charge of an assistant who is not a duly qualified medical man. The system, as clearly appears by the evidence given at an inquest before the local coroner, is very far from working well. In the case of the infant child whose death was the subject of the inquiry, a medical witness declared that the convulsions caused by the difficulty in breathing might have been stopped had the gums been lanced. The unqualified assistant, however, had not performed this operation, though the child's parents had been told to give the child a pinch of snuff to make it sneeze. Moreover, when his little patient died he demanded half a guinea for a certificate, although the statute declared that a certificate of death by a medical man must be given free of charge. This was accordingly paid by the parents, who were misled by the brass plate on the door, they had all along believed that they were dealing with Dr. Scott. With regard to the certificate, the assistant excused himself on the ground that he had been "working very hard," and that it was possible he might have got more or less muddled. The jury, however, appeared to have taken a clearer view of his position; for, while they returned a verdict of natural death, they unanimously declared, with the concurrence of the coroner, that Dr. Scott and his assistant were deserving of severe censure, and that the proper medical authorities should be informed of the case.

**AN EAST-END RAID.**

At the Thames Police Court, Charles Lazarus, 40, a refreshment-house keeper, of 51, Mansell-street, Whitechapel; Carl Cohen, 54, a tailor, of 4, Lion-street; Nathan Sampson, 30, a traveller, of 10, Cornhill; and 13, W. Arbour-square, were charged with keeping, using, and conducting 51, Mansell-street as a common gaming-house; and twenty other men were charged with using the same. Evidence having been given by Superintendent Arnold as to the arrests and the discovery of a baccharis shoe in the premises, Mr. Mead remanded the defendants. Bail was accepted for Lazarus in two sureties of £50 each; Carl Cohen, Nathan Sampson, and Michael Cohen in two sureties of £25 each. All the other defendants were allowed out on their own recognisances.

**THE CHARGE AGAINST A GOVERNMENT INSURANCE FRAUD.**

The Rev. Dr. James Casper Clutterbuck, one of her Majesty's inspectors of workhouse schools, who was prosecuted at Bath on the previous week on the charge of obtaining money by false pretences from Mrs. Jessie Turner, has been taken to Bath in custody. The two persons who became sureties for him withdrew their undertaking on the 24th ult. He was arrested on Sunday at Wellington-square, Chelsea, and taken back to Bath. He disclaimed any intention of leaving the country. He was brought before the Bath magistrates, and remanded in custody until fresh bail, to be approved by the police, is forthcoming. He said he had written to Lord Lansdale and others, asking them to become bail. Another charge against him was investigated at Bath. The defendant was charged with obtaining £1,600 by cheques from Mr. Hodges, principal of the Bath Government School of Art. A local solicitor prosecuted for the Treasury, who stated that the accused had told Mr. Hodges he could obtain part of a Government loan at 10 per cent. for him, whereupon prosecutor entrusted his savings to him. In this instance, however, the money had not been repaid, as was the case in the charge recently brought on behalf of Mrs. Turner. The accused was remanded and admitted to bail in securities of £1,000, himself £2,000 and two sureties of £1,000 each.

**THEFTS ON A WAR-SHIP.**

A court-martial has been held on board H.M.S. Colossus, now in Suda Bay, for the trial of Gustave Gascoigne, a private in the Royal Artillery, on several charges of theft. In his bag and box were found, among other property, a revolver belonging to a midshipman, a watch belonging to another midshipman, a pair of opera-glasses, as well as linen and wearing apparel. Sums of £8 and £5 had been misused from the officers' chests. A large number of skele on keys were also found in the possession of the prisoner. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and to be dismissed the service with disgrace.

**THE ALLEGED INSURANCE FRAUDS.**

At the Bow-street Police Court, Thomas Morton Scott Jones, 32, was finally charged on remand before Mr. Vaughan with attempting to obtain £100 from Mr. George Newman, M.P., of Tit Bit, £150 from Mr. Gilbert Dalziel, of Ally Sloper's Half Holiday, and £100 from the proprietors of *Answers*. In each instance a claim was put in representing that the prisoner's son had put his death from railway accident in Scotland, and going in possession at the time of the current numbers of the periodicals in question was entitled to these sums as insurance money. Mr. Crawshaw prosecuted. Mr. Vaughan decided to commit the prisoner for endeavouring to obtain money by false pretences, and also by means of forged instruments, knowing the same to be forged.

**MR. LABOUCHE and MR. CHAMBERLAIN.**

A heated dispute in the course of a speech at a Liberal meeting at Bury, said that Mr. Chamberlain felt pained mingled with contempt. Was it not a pity to see this Radical donning the Tory livery, putting on first the coat and then the breeches, until he stood forth boldly in the character of a Tory? Mr. Chamberlain said he was not going to defend Judas. (Laughter.) Still, there was something to be said for Judas, for after betraying his Master he did not attend public meetings; he did not sponge on priests, and Pharisees and Sadducees, in order to be received into their society; and did not go about the country, as Judas said he had now joined the gentlemen of Jerusalem. (Laughter.) Judas was contrite; Judas was ashamed; Judas went out and hanged himself. (Laughter.) In some things Judas compared advantageously with Mr. Chamberlain—not that (Mr. Labouchere) could for a moment venture to compare those two persons.

**WIFE AND STRANGER.**

In the diary of the late Mr. Cope, R.A., published by Bentley and Son, the following story is given as told by his sister-in-law:—"She met a farmer friend and said to him, 'I hear, John, that you're lately married; who is your wife?' 'Well, Miss Henning, I don't quite know.' 'How so? Where did you meet with her?' 'Well, you see, miss, I went to the market, and I saw a very nice young lass working along 't' road, and I says, 'Will ye git oop and ride?' 'Ay, says she. So she git oop, and I asked her, 'Are ye rangin' toot market?' 'Ay, says she. 'What for?' 'To git a place,' says she. 'So I set her down 't' market and left her, and as I was working I saw a way oop hill. So I spak to her again, and axed her, 'Ha' ye gotten yer place?' 'Nay,' says she, 'I hanna.' 'Will ye git oop and ride?' 'Ay,' says she. So she git oop, and I axed her, 'D'ye think my place would suit ye?' 'What place is that?' says she. 'Why toot my wife's,' says I. 'So she says, 'What for?' 'To git a place,' says she. 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## A SOLICITOR'S BANKRUPTCY.

**REMARKABLE ADMISIONS.**  
At the London Court of Bankruptcy a meeting was held for the public examination of George Henry Books, of Great Marlborough-street, of which £10,174 was unsecured, and assets £2,729. The bankrupt stated that he had been a solicitor and collector for many years in Doctors Commons. He was a married man with seven children, and was now living apart from his wife. He was maintaining her and obtained a decree nisi, which was afterwards annulled. His present position was solely attributable to money lent to him and guaranteed on behalf of a lady. This had been done by him solely upon her statement that she was coming into a large sum of money, and upon her promise that she would pay him back again. She was a married woman, and the only relationship that had existed between them had been that of a solicitor and client, and what he had done had been done in the most perfect confidence. That he was distinctly understood. In addition to the guarantee he had given, she had every farthing he had in the world, and he was now an absolute beggar. The loans commenced in August, 1888, and continued to the end of 1890. The liabilities included claims for jewellery supplied to the amount of £15,000, which he had given guarantee in acting as he had done, he was induced by the fact that she was very well connected, and for that reason he had made no inquiries about her. He had since ascertained that owing to her extravagance her husband and her mother had both been made bankrupt. He believed that there were entries in his pass-book and cheques paid to this lady to the amount of over £15,000. He had overdrawn from his firm, and in the result he had been compelled to withdraw from the partnership. He had pawned some jewellery for her, needless to say very reluctantly; but it was not unpaid for to his knowledge then. By the end of 1888 he had exhausted all his means, with the exception of his interest in the firm. Mr. Hood: And you then began to assist her in contracting and guaranteeing debts on her behalf. The bankrupt: I understood liabilities on her behalf which I expected would be able to discharge. Further examined, the bankrupt stated that he had filed an account of an expenditure of over £17,000, but that the lady had done with the money he was unable to state. Since the bankruptcy proceedings were commenced he had redeemed jewellery to the amount of £1,500, which he had not been paid for, and had returned it to the firms who had supplied it. Questioned as to the circumstances under which the bankrupt had the jewellery for sale, he stated that he had done so after he had pawned the jewellery, which, from the position he held, he had been very reluctant to do, he handed her over the money. When she handed him an account showing that she had over £17,000 of his money he was very surprised. He consulted his partner with a view to a dissolution in September last. Mr. Herbert Reed: What was the arrangement that you came to with him? The bankrupt: I arranged to leave the firm—at least it was not an arrangement. I was compelled to leave the firm, having broken every clause of our agreement by my actual blackguarding conduct. He was allowed to say so. Mr. Herbert Reed: But are you not occupying precisely the same position that you were before? The bankrupt: No; I am not. My late partner allows me £100 a year, and pays £400 a year to my wife, out of which the policy premiums have to be paid on behalf of my children. Mr. Herbert Reed: But do you not occupy precisely the same position? The bankrupt: No; I am merely in the position of a junior clerk. Mr. Herbert Reed: What, copying the letters and such like? The bankrupt: Yes. Further examined, the bankrupt admitted that his late partner knew his position at the time of the dissolution, and that bankruptcy proceedings had been threatened against him; but everything that his partner had done was perfectly bona fide. He was not aware at the time that what he was then doing was depriving his creditors of his share in the partnership business. The public examination was not concluded when the court rose for the day, and the further hearing was adjourned to the 8th November.

## ARREST ON A TRANSATLANTIC LINER.

On the arrival of the steamer City of Paris at Queenstown on Thursday, en route for New York, Detective O'Neill went aboard the vessel, and arrested a young man, travelling as cabin passenger. He was passing under the assumed name of Edwards, and proved to be W. H. Smith, clerk to the Atlantic Hotel Co., Limited, of Bilton, Staffordshire, and he is charged with embezzling a considerable sum of money belonging to the company. He was subsequently brought before the magistrates and remanded.

## THE EASTBOURNE RIOTS.

The Eastbourne magistrates held a special sitting on Thursday to investigate the charges arising from the recent rioting, when the Salvation Army citadel windows were smashed by a hostile crowd. George Tobbutt, a well-known local resident, was summoned by the town clerk (Mr. W. H. Farquhar) prosecuting, and Mr. Lawson Lewis defending. Evidence was given as to the riot on the night of the attack on the barracks, when a conference of Salvation Army district officers was being held. P.S. Barr stated that during the attack women were knocked down, and a crowd of many thousands had to be dealt with by the few borough police in the vicinity. Assistance had to be sent for, and a great disturbance took place. He pressed for the defendant's committal. For the defence it was urged that in such a vast crowd it was difficult to see who smashed the windows. The bench decided to commit the defendant for trial at the Sussex Assizes, but allowed bail, himself in £25, and one surety in the same amount.

## EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

**300 LIVES LOST.**  
The Western Morning News has received a special telegram from its correspondent at Higo stating that a severe earthquake has occurred at Osaka. A great number of buildings have been destroyed, and a multitude of people buried in the ruins. It is stated that at least 300 have been killed and an enormous number injured. The Japanese telegraph lines beyond Higo and Osaka are interrupted.

**LIVER COMPLAINTS.**—Dr. King's Liver Pills, without mercury, are a potent remedy for all liver complaints, and are especially adapted for the treatment of Biliousness, Indigestion, and all other ailments arising from a disordered liver. They are sold in all chemists and druggists.

## A REMARKABLE FORGER.

Henry Davis, alias Stoddard, who is now in the Jersey City Jail awaiting trial for the forgery of a telegraphic order on the Pittsfield Bank of Massachusetts, is (says a New York correspondent) probably the most clever, daring, and ingenious forger on record. He is the only man who ever, having been sent to prison for forgery, forged his way out again. Davis was arrested in Memphis, Tennessee, on several charges of forgery, the cheques which he had written and passed having been honoured by a number of banks and mercantile houses. His trial was sensational through a number of letters from respectable people, some of whom were known, which he offered or exhibited in his own behalf, all of them ultimately turning out to be forgeries. The result of his trial was a sentence of ten years in the State penitentiary. The prisoner was sent to Tracey. While he was there, and in the spring of the present year, Governor Buchanan received a petition for Davis's pardon. The petition set forth that "in the humble belief of the petitioners Davis was an innocent man, and that he had been the victim of a conspiracy among parties who, for good reasons, wished to ruin him and get him out of the way." It was subscribed by all the officials of the court in which Davis was tried, the entire jury who found him guilty, and a large number of citizens of Tennessee, among them being many influential men who were intimate friends of Governor Buchanan. It was so ingenious and sympathetic that the governor, who very rarely grants a pardon without consultation with the judges, the judges, in this case, such a course to be uncalled for and unnecessary. On March 16th he therefore issued a pardon, and Davis was set at liberty. Davis then disappeared. Two weeks afterwards the governor met Mr. Baptist, Davis's attorney, and congratulated him on the success of his efforts. Baptist was smiling, and could not understand what he meant. His excellency then spoke of the pardon, and found that Baptist knew nothing about it. The two then examined the petition and discovered that every name attached to it and every letter accompanying it were barefaced forgeries, and that the entire document had been written by Davis himself while in prison. The matter was kept quiet, and the governor's chagrin being deep. From that time nothing was heard of Davis until the Pittsfield Bank forgery came out and Stoddard was arrested. Something in the transaction and the description of Stoddard reminded the Tennessee officials so strongly of Davis that they thought it worth looking into. An officer accordingly came on to New Jersey and found Stoddard and Davis to be one and the same, and so the whole story has come to light. Chief of Police Murphy, of Jersey City, is satisfied that Davis must have had outside assistance in preparing his Tennessee petition. All Davis's correspondents had been under surveillance, but it has revealed nothing except a characteristic illustration of his skill and audacity. Some time after his arrest the Jersey City jail officials received a letter from a young lady in Somerset, Massachusetts. It enclosed a letter she had received from the Jersey City jail, written on the official letter paper of the prison department. It said that the writer was her brother, and that he was in a serious scrape. He had assumed the name of Stoddard, he said, to save the family name from disgrace. It asked her to send him some money at once to assist him in court. The young lady wrote that she might have been deceived by the letter, as the writing was exactly like her brother's, but for the fact that her brother was in Somerset at the time, and she could not understand it. Beyond showing Stoddard's skill and audacity the effort had, consequently, no effect.

## LADY MEUX AND HER FURS.

**ACTION TO RECOVER WAREHOUSING CHARGES.**  
In the Queen's Bench Division on Thursday morning, before Mr. Justice Stannan and a special jury, the case of Lady Meux came on for trial. It was an action brought by the plaintiff, a furrier, to recover £400 for warehousing certain furs. The defendant denied liability, and in the alternative paid £40 into court as sufficient. Mr. Kemp, Q.C., and Mr. Macaskie appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Lockwood, Q.C., and Mr. Horace Ayrer for the defendant. It appeared that in 1887 the defendant left her furs with the plaintiff for the purpose of having them cleaned, warehoused, and kept free from moths. Lady Meux valued them at £5,000. The claim was for this, and also for the insurance. Lady Meux disputed the claim, on the ground that she had insured the furs, and that she had paid the plaintiff for warehousing them free. Evidence was given on behalf of the plaintiff to show that the charge was reasonable for keeping such valuable furs, and that it was the custom in the fur trade to charge for warehousing. The furs kept were not brought from the plaintiff. Lady Meux Susan Meux, the defendant, stated in evidence that she had not paid for the storage of her furs at other furriers' where they had been stored. She had seen Mr. Galloway, the manager of Jay's, with reference to the insurance of her furs at the stores. He stated that he had not got them insured, and she then informed him that she would insure them herself. The premium was £15. That would be 6s. per cent. All her furs were kept at the plaintiff's and when she wanted to wear them she had them out. She had paid two yearly premiums on the furs. They were all stored at the plaintiff's, the International Stores. Cross-examined by Mr. Kemp, Q.C., she might have had the furs out at a cost of about 10s. the course of two years. She could not say whether in the first year she had spent only £25 at the plaintiff's, and in the second year £100. Further evidence having been given, counsel addressed the jury, who, after a short deliberation, found for the plaintiff for £70, or £16 beyond the £54 paid into court. His lordship gave judgment accordingly, with costs.

## A NORTH POLE EXPEDITION.

A scheme for reaching the North Pole, totally different to that proposed by Dr. Nansen, has been originated by M. Ekroff, a Norwegian, who intends to put it to the test in the summer of 1893. Having established a depot of supplies at Cape Mohn, on the east coast of Spitzbergen, he will start north-east across the sea to Petermann and the most northerly point of Franz Josef Land, and they will have six small sledges drawn by dogs. In the very probable case of their coming to open water the six sledges can be joined together with little trouble or loss of time and converted into one large boat for sailing or rowing. From Petermann Ekroff will follow the shape a straight course for the Pole, but if the ice drift is too great for him to overcome he will retreat to his supplies on Spitzbergen. If, however, he reaches the Pole, he proposes to return by the east or west coast of Greenland, taking out his food stores by drawing on the provision depots left by previous explorers at Lady Franklin Bay or Scoresby Sound.

Junior clerks under the County Council start at £50, the annual increments become larger with length of service, and if his advance be uninterrupted a man will reach £200 in less than twenty years. The salary of the corresponding class under the Council commences at £70, and the triennial increments of £15 would in twenty years only carry one to £160 or £170.

## FOUNDING OF A SHIP WITH ALL HANDS.

The other morning the *Hessie Jane*, of Padstow, ran for the harbour of St. Ives, and when about eight miles off (thirty miles) blowing a strong gale, the weather was thick, and that there was a boat in the bay with a ship's crew on board. The coxswain of the lifeboat got everything in readiness for launching the boat, and they were in attendance at 2 o'clock in the morning, but no sign of any vessel was seen. When daylight appeared it was found that a ship's punt, on which was painted "Victory, Cardiff, S. Harman, master," had been washed ashore on Portminster beach, and the mast of the vessel were seen above the water near Godfrey Lighthouse. Fearing some of the crew might still be in the rigging, and observing signals from the lifeboat, the lifeboat crew went out. On reaching the punt, which was found to be the hull of the wrecked vessel, was completely under water, and the light-keepers signalled that they knew nothing of the wreck until daylight, when they saw the submerged vessel. Meanwhile, the body of a dead sailor, a young man about 24, wearing a life belt, had been spotted and taken out of the punt. The body of the new man, it is believed that the crew of the *Victory* took to their boat, and that it was capsized at the entrance to the harbour. There was nothing found on the body to aid identification. The *Victory* was owned by Spiller and Baker, of Cardiff, and she sailed on October 23rd for Southampton with four.

## CONFRONTING A BURGLAR.

M. Valentini, who resides in a lonely part of the Forest Road, has proved himself a hero in the act of dealing with armed burglars. As he was returning home late at night he was astonished to find his front door open. He drew a revolver quietly from his pocket, and entering the house noiselessly, suddenly threw open the door of the dining-room, where he perceived a man in the act of breaking open the safe. He called out, and the burglar, who was detected, drew a long knife and rushed at M. Valentini, exclaiming, "Now I shall have to do for you!" It was, however, the malefactor who was "done for." For M. Valentini not only lodged three bullets inside him, but stabbed him several times with his own knife. The fellow was conveyed subsequently to the hospital, where he died. M. Valentini, who was merely acting in self-defence, has not been taken into custody.

## THE SALFORD GAS SCANDAL.

At the Central Criminal Court, Mr. Sidney Kershaw, coal merchant, surrendered to take his trial upon an indictment charging him with having attempted to bribe S. J. Shoenberger, the manager of the Salford Gas Works, to corruptly induce him to accept a certain tender or contract, contrary to the statute. Mr. Waddy, Q.C., and Mr. Cunningham appeared on behalf of the Crown; Mr. Bowen Rowlands, Q.C., and Mr. Keane represented the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Mr. Waddy, Q.C., in opening the case, said that the offence alleged against the defendant was one not very well known, for the practices alleged against the defendant had only been made a legal offence within the past year or two. In this particular case the defendant was a contractor for a supply of coal to the Salford Corporation, who had the gas supply of the town under their control. His contract, however, would not expire until about September last, but in April or May it was known that the coal yards were nearly empty and that fresh contracts would be advertised for very soon. As a matter of fact, it was determined to advertise for tenders on May 1st. As gas companies it was the duty of the defendant to get the contracts, and he had been practically settling the various contracts. On April 22nd defendant called upon Mr. Shoenberger, and after some general conversation as to the forthcoming tenders, defendant said he intended to send in a contract for a much heavier supply next time. Before leaving defendant produced from his pocket a card, saying, "I hope you will allow me to present you with this." Mr. Shoenberger indignantly rejected the offer, and at once reported the matter to the Gas Committee. In a subsequent letter defendant explained that he had offered the present because of the courtesies extended to him by Mr. Shoenberger, and that he intended to delay the delivery of coal. The jury disagreed, and were discharged. The trial was adjourned until next session.

## AN ACT OF PENANCE.

An old woman, named Patterson, was the other day found concealed among the trunks of trees at Cabillon Wood, Kildare, the property of Lord Annull. She was lying on a bed made of ferns, with a quilt over her, and she was barely large enough for her body. The abode was covered with sticks and ferns as thatch. She is subsisting on bread and water, and alleges that this conduct is in performance of penance. A crucifix was the only article observed in the domicile, and, of course, there was no fire. She had been there for upwards of a week. Crowds have visited her.

## A ROMANTIC STORY SPOILT.

An imaginative reporter fooled nearly all the Paris papers on Monday morning with a highly romantic and sensational cock-and-bull story of a young bride at Aubervilliers who, on the evening of her wedding day, committed suicide because she loved another man better than her husband. The story, which was the result of most of the evening papers, and many tears were shed by the old women of the French capital over the sad fate of the young bride, who had swallowed "a cup of cold poison" rather than live with a husband who was not to her taste. The only demerit attached to the much copied and telegraphed story was that it was entirely without foundation.

## IMPORTANT TO HOUSE OWNERS.

Mr. Justice A. L. Smith gave judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in the case of Matthews, the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Barrow-in-Furness. The plaintiff was the owner of sixteen houses in Barrow-in-Furness, and claimed damages from the defendants on account of the flooding of these houses on the 18th December last year by reason of the inefficient working of the pumping apparatus of the defendants. After reviewing the evidence, his lordship was of opinion that the pumps had not been efficiently worked, and that this negligence was due to a workman named Shaw, who had been dismissed from the employment of the defendants after an inquiry had been held into his conduct. He decided that the plaintiff had lost his case, and gave damages.

## SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

The other morning a startling discovery was made at the house of Mrs. Legg, in Leeds. The servants suspected, from the strong smell of gas that pervaded the house, that an escape must have taken place, and on an examination being made it was found that the bedroom in which a man named Harry Williams had retired to rest, an old gentleman, had been filled with gas. The tap of the gas-trap was turned on, although there was no light. Dr. Sales, who was sent for, arrived immediately after the discovery, and declared that the man was dead. Deceased, who was 36 years of age, came to Leeds a few weeks ago, and for the past fortnight had stayed at the Three Graces. He had no members of the Masonic Union, and his card originated at Rugby.

## THE FLOODS UP THE THAMES.

It is many years since the valley of the Thames has been visited by so severe a flood as that which reached such alarming proportions a few days ago. The most serious consequences were probably felt at Maidenhead. The passenger train from London in approaching the railway bridge looked out upon sheets of water as far as the eye could reach in a southerly direction, and soon realised that the river was lost in them in that direction. The heads of the pollard willows and reeds of hay and corn barely stood out of the muddy water. The orchard trees were being washed by it, and hedgerows seemed dwarfed to a foot high by the risen waters. The trim lawns and gardens that in summer look so charming with the boats lying safe at the steps were submerged with debris brought by the flood, which had flower beds and gravel walks under universal deluge, and obliterated the features of the kitchen garden. From the railway bridge the yellow Thames could be seen sweeping down with violent rapidity. The principal damage, however, was to be found by walking towards the town, past the town hall, and towards the bridge above which are the series of Boulton's Lock and the glorious woods of Chisledon. The moor to the left hand was an extensive inland lake, ruffled by the breeze into waves. There was a cottage garden on the town side of this great expanse of water which was truly a parlous state. It was so much that the cabbage and other crops were under water at the bottom of the pond, but the flood had brought and left there a five-barred gate, a dilapidated hen-coop, sundry barrels, and enough miscellaneous lumber to make a fine woodpile for the winter. To this point the roadway was left clear, but presently the bridge was reached, and the road was under water, and the surface now reached the thresholds of the houses. On Sunday it was in them, leaving a legacy of spoiled furniture and awningsome wet under the floor.

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The favourite post of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria is Heinrich Heine.

A steel shavings 285 feet long was recently made in a New York steel works.

Mr. Rider Haggard's new novel is entitled "Montezuma's Daughter."

The word "cab" is really a contraction of "cabriolet."

A singular privilege aldermen of the City enjoy is that they can each take two ladies to the Lord Mayor's banquet without a ticket.

The London coroner's warnings have again been of little avail. Last week ten infants under a year old were suffocated in bed.

Glaswegians give the Glasgow magistrats plenty of work. Mr. Macdonald has 187 cases were brought up at the local police court.

Old John Muirhead, of Burnhouse Farm, Penny, was killed by a kick from one of his horses.

An official report of the railway collision at Monday near Moirans, between Lyons and Grenoble, states that two persons were killed, and twenty-one injured.

At present 128 women hold the ordinary University certificate at Edinburgh; thirty-five hold the honours certificate; twenty-one hold the diploma.

It is Mr. Cunningham Graham's opinion that "in purely local matters the working class of Scotland are at least fifty years ahead of any other section of the community of Great Britain."

The total wages paid in the coal and iron-mining trades in 1885 may be taken as about £27,000,000, which is approximately 60 per cent. of the value of the products of such mines.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Lake Huron is now three feet lower than it was five years ago, and the fall in that time has been regular.

The latest report concerning Herr Hans Richter is that he is about to leave his position at the Vienna Opera for a better appointment in London.

A man named Buddle, of Redruth, was standing in his field, when the funeral cortege of a person well known to him passed through the gate of the cemetery adjacent. He at once dropped to the ground and died immediately.

William Rose was hanged a few mornings since at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, under the new law, which requires that all executions must take place between midnight and dawn, and out of the sight of all newspapers.

The French Senate decided by 109 to 9 votes that adult women should not be subject to the Factory Labour Regulation Bill, whereupon M. Tolain, reporter to the committee, announced his resignation.

The Khan of Khiva has decided to send his eldest son to Russia to complete his education, as he intends shortly to associate his heir with himself in the government of his dominions.

On the sitting of the judges of the Queen's Bench Division, Mr. Baron Pollock, Mr. Justice A. L. Smith, and Mr. Justice Willes were appointed to try election petitions which may be filed in the year 1892.

The Victorian Loan Bill, it is stated, authorises the floating of six millions in three annual instalments of two millions, the interest to be 4 per cent. or less, at the discretion of the Government. The first instalment is unlikely to be offered before January.

A notice just issued by command of the Post-Office-generals gives a list of the latest dates on which packets or parcels of all kinds can be forwarded from London so as in due course to reach their destination abroad about Christmas or New Year's Day, as the case may be.

According to all accounts the first typewriter was invented by a Mons. Perugini, of Marseilles, in 1838. But Perugini's typewriter was as a very crude instrument, and was superseded by the more perfect and more sound-sounding typewriter with blue eyes and fluffy hair is the product of more enlightened age.

In the present tight skirts worn by ladies pockets are almost an impossibility, so that handkerchiefs have to be stuffed into waist belts and purses inserted into gloves. There is no accommodation for scent bottles, powder puffs, or love letters in the young ladies' wardrobe.

The late papers of Parnell's papers were, at Mr. Parnell's request, placed in boxes, carefully sealed up, and deposited in the London County Bank, Brighton, by Mr. Henry H. Night, M.P., who has been for the last fortnight at Walsingham-terrace assisting in the arrangement of Mr. Parnell's affairs.

The death is announced, at Wimbledon, Mr. George Wallis, F.S.A., who recently signed his appointment as keeper of the Walsingham Museum, which he has held since 1865. Mr. Wallis was in his 84th year and had been fifty years connected with the promotion of art education in this country.

It is regarded as probable that the photographic will be eventually applied to dictionaries for the benefit of busy correspondents. You simply press the button, and the photographic camera does the rest, and the result is more comfortable and healthful than the old system of swallowing dictionaries.

According to the latest accounts, forty Parliaments will be represented at the forthcoming Peace Congress in Rome by 60 French deputies, 30 English, 12 Austrian, 12 Hungarian, 47 German, 16 Swiss, 33 Spanish, 1 Portuguese, 3 Norwegian, 6 Swedish, 4 Dutch, 10 Italian, 3 Roumanian, 5 Greek, and 1 Danish. The Italian senators and deputies who have sent in their adhesion number 33.

The Lord Mayor and sheriffs on Monday visited St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, to witness the presentation of addresses to the Bishops of Rochester and Southwark. The former bishop, in reply, dwelt upon the work which lies before them in the poor localities surrounding the church, in which they will be assisted by the Bishop of Southwark who acknowledged the address.

On giving a boy a handsome-bound copy of Bellamy's "Johnson," during the Reading School prize distribution, the Bishop of London confessed that it had always been his favourite book of his own to read through. One of his friends was so attracted to him, that he stole it; but some years later, while on a visit to his friend, on seeing an identical copy in the library he stole it back.

In Ireland coal-burners work seventy hours a week on an average wage of 15s. while in Northumberland and Durham weekly hours range from thirty-six to fourty-two for 36s. 6d. In addition, the married miners generally have free cottages, or allowance of 2s. per week and a full supply of coal. In the midlands the average wages of miners are 25s. a week, but the hours are fifteen.

Professor Leon, of Jassy, describes a child which was born without fore-legs as healthy and as going about easily with the body in normal position. When startled or watching anything the beast raises itself in the attitude of a kangaroo, using the tail as a support. This quadruped remnant has two horns, kittens, and is very much interested in the world.

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"Keep off the grass" signs are the work of the lawn order party.

Russia is known on the Stock Exchange as the Great Lion Land.

Bad actors are like big cigars. They waste a lot of puffing before they will draw well.

Lord Randolph Churchill is now spoken of as a lion comique at several of the West-end clubs.

A turnip-seed increases its own weight fifteen times in a minute—at least, so says an authority who once said it is a gro-vin'.

Eight stabbing cases occurred at Dundee last night.

Life is not all jam, even for the dance dwellers in Marmaladopolis.

Lord Salisbury has accepted the invitation of the Exeter Conservative Association to visit the city and take part in a demonstration there in the early part of January.

A jealous quarrel at Scranton, in Pennsylvania, between Stephen de Ayala and his wife had a terrible termination. Mrs. de Ayala was shot dead by her irate husband.

M. Dole declares that, of all the novels he devoured at the age of seven, *Le Comte de Monte-Cristo* was the only one which left a permanent impression.

Mr. Gladstone is (say his admirers) never more agreeable than when he is taking a walk; he is then full of reminiscences and anecdotes.

George and James Howard, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, were killed by a man named Cupps, into whose house they were trying to force an entrance.

Railway enterprise is making considerable headway in Japan. At the end of October there will be about 670 miles of railway in the country.

The Rev. Mr. Wines has been telling the American Prison Congress that a large proportion of the crime in this country can be traced to liquor. But Wines does not tell them the way out of the wood.

Mr. John Parnell, brother of the late Irish leader, lives on a fruit farm in Georgia, and is described as a "sleazy-looking man of 45, dressed in a coat of brown, and wearing on his head a faded slouch hat."

Mr. N. A. Parker, of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, who is reported to be the oldest living college graduate of the United States, having left the University of Vermont in 1811, has just celebrated his 100th birthday.

Dr. Gott, the new Bishop of Truro, was enthroned in Truro Cathedral on Thursday by the Bishop Suffragan of Dover. There was great gathering of clergy and county gentlemen.

James A. Brock, of El Paso, Texas, who had for fourteen years borne the suspicion of having murdered his cousin, Frank Woolsey, has just found the missing man at Benton, Arkansas.

One of the novelties of the Chicago World Fair will be a Corn Hotel, the object of which will be to demonstrate the dietetic usefulness of Indian and other corns. Like all other well-regulated establishments, this Corn Hotel will retain its own chiropodist.

Has any one ever noticed how geniality and comfort combine to assist digestion? An experienced caterer has just told an interviewer that he has found that at a gathering are we acquainted they eat at least 20 per cent. more than they otherwise would.

"Have we two brains?" asks Dr. Williams. A Hammond, who seems inclined to answer his own question in the affirmative. Some people would be immensely relieved if Dr. Hammond could prove 50 per cent. of his proposition.

A painful tragedy has disturbed Canton, Ohio. Jennie Lacey, a girl of 18, was found lying dead in her mother's boarding-house, with John Hawkins, a boarder, lying dead beside her, with a revolver clamped in his hands.

Neck bones of fur or feathers were almost numerous at Sandown as the longer ones, neck-bos in pheasants' feathers was worn on one lady with a tan-coloured cloth gown trimmed with bands of an Indian shawl. A beautiful harmony of tint was in this way produced.

We all know that it was with the greatest reluctance John Bright ever consented to accept office. Mr. Gladstone has told Mr. Morley that he had to wrestle with him from 9 o'clock one night until 1 o'clock in the morning before he could induce him to take office in 1868.

Solicitor-General, addressing a meeting at Sutton, referred to the Newcastle programme, and said it had been stated that was not so much a programme of political action as a confession of political faith. The Sir Edward regarded as an indication that was not to be carried out.

A man named William Muesen, Lauretstown, jumped from a mail train at Newry, and sustained fatal injuries to the head and face. It appears that he intended to alight at Groughwood Junction, but failed to do so, and jumped out at Newry when the train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour.

The Cambridge Local Examinations and Lectures Syndicate announce that in the examination in shorthand for junior students passages will be dictated at the rates of 45 words and eighty words per minute. In the examination for commercial certificate the rates are seventy words and eighty-eight words per minute.

Ladies will be interested in the information that many of the new sealskin jackets are made upon the exact model of the Louis XV. casaque, with long full basques, lap pockets upon the hips, and lapels turned back from the neck, with rolled collar which may be worn high or low at will. This colour is characteristic of nearly all the new capes as well.

A service in commemoration of the foundation and tactics of Westminster School will be held, by the dean's permission, in the school on Tuesday, November 17th, at 8.30 p.m. The service will be in Latin, with the special psalms and the Te Deum set to Gregorian music. After the service the head masters the masters will hold a reception in the school-room.

The shipwrights employed in Shearn Docks and passed resolutions condemning the classification of dockyards as Government dockyards, and urging the Admiralty to abolish it altogether. They have also decided to memorialise the Admiralty for a uniform rate of at least 10 p.m. per day, that being the average paid at eighteen principal ports in England.

James Newland was summoned to the Lambeth Police Court by the Excise authorities for refusing to furnish a receipt for a carriage. For the defence it was contended that he was a member of a music hall troupe, and that a carriage was used to convey their costumes from one establishment to another. The magistrate considered that the defendant proved his case, and dismissed the summons allowing a guinea expenses.

The Attorney-general, speaking at Rylands, where the nonconformists had done a good deal during the six years for which the court ought to be for ever grateful. That party were determined to uphold the Conservatives in maintaining the integrity of the British empire. Referring to Egypt, he said that the policy now being recommended with regard to that country was to be taken as the

The foreign policy of a Unitarian Government, we should have war with all its terrors.

The date of the Queen's return from Balmoral to Windsor, as now fixed, is the first of next month.

The death is announced of Mr. H. H. Scales, editor and one of the founders of the *Herald*, an industrial monthly published in Manchester.

An outbreak of glanders has taken place at the stud of a manufacturing firm in South-east London, and seven horses have died from the disease within the last few days.

The poet secretary of the Royal Academy of Music has been filled by the election of Mr. E. W. Bennett. The birth is worth £60 a year, and there were 173 candidates.

The Zuni Indians in New Mexico possess peculiarly gruesome weather warnings. When the clouds are dark and grey, and dam in the thick-house surely it will rain.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned at an inquiry into the death of the man whose body was found on October 22nd with a bullet in the temple in an empty house in Fairfax-road, Tottenham.

Walt Whitman's infirmities are increasing in an alarming manner. He is unable to rise from his bed without assistance, and it is feared that the paralysis from which he suffered so long will soon reach his head.

Mr. Thomas Cummings, clerk of the House of Commons Hamilton Union Board, was given a post after leaving the board had been completely, when he suddenly fell from a seat and died.

The directors of the Cheltenham Oriental Brewery Company recommend a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares for the half-year ended September 30th.

The Speaker of the House of Commons speaking at Warwick on Wednesday night pointed out the benefits that human anatomy would be derived from the study of last year's pre-mortem medical instruction.

At Birmingham next year, Wagner's Nibelungen Trilogy will not again be given, but the performances are to include "Parsifal," "Tristan und Isolde," the "Meistersinger," and "Tannhauser."

When the returns were made up last week it was found that the number of students who have entered for the full curriculum at the metropolitan medical schools, excluding the London School of Medicine for Women, was 1,000.

A landslide occurred on the Lynton and Lynmouth Cliff Railway, which has been operating about a year. A mass of earth falling caused the traffic to be suspended, and will be some little time before it can be resumed.

A Penzance telegram states that a serious epidemic of influenza has broken out again in the mining districts of Cornwall. Redruth is particularly affected, many prominent men having fallen victims, and the doctors report large numbers of cases.

A St. Louis physician recalls the case of a young man who had been dumb for 8 years, but who, while out hunting one day, began, in the excitement of the chase, to yell at the top of his lungs. Afterwards he was able to speak with perfect articulation.

Alexander Hunter, of Dundee, who has been depressed for some weeks past, left his home yesterday to commit suicide. He was followed by his wife for some distance, but she lost sight of him. The same evening his body was found in the Tay.

With a favourable change in the weather the mackerel fishing on the south-west coast of County Cork has again become most prosperous. One boat arriving at Castletownsea had 20,000 splendid fish on board, while another had 12,000.

The Donald Currie mail steamer *Diamond Castle*, just arrived at Plymouth from Madeira, reports a successful voyage, and that she swept over the ship. She made good weather of it that the captain had to leave the ship for several hours.

In Queen's Bench Division, on Mr. Justice Hawkins taking his seat, Mr. Lockwood, Q.C., congratulated his lordship on his restoration to health, which he hoped would be continued. Mr. Justice Hawkins thanked him for the consideration and kindness they had always extended to him.

At Colchester County Court, Judge Abbott awarded £42 damages, with costs on a higher scale, to a bricklayer, named Clark, who sued Mr. Phillips, of Berechurch Hill Colchester, and his keeper, Greenlade, for assault, illegal arrest, and malicious prosecution. Clark was assaulted and arrested having refused to pay a fine of 10s. paid for the reserves, and when prosecuted at the assizes for poaching was acquitted.

The Bishop of Rochester, in opening diocesan conference in Southwark dwelt upon the enormous task which confronted them South London, owing to the growth of population. Although admitting there was appalling lack of outward evidence Christianity, he expressed anxious that allowance for the increase of population, that more churchorgans to-day than at previous period within the last 200 years.

The prospectus of the Sapphire and Esmeralda Companies of Montana has been issued. The board of directors is a very influential one, including Mr. Streeter, who makes his first appearance on the company board. Mr. Streeter, in his report, says: "Excepting only the South African diamond fields, no other territory in the world offers to Montana, to be the most important discovery of modern times."

The election of a vestryman in Islington having been invalidated owing to votes received after 8 in the evening, Mr. G. Elliott, an unsuccessful candidate, came upon the vestry to hold a fresh election. The vestry declined to do so, on the ground that as they contended, vestry elections could not be held in May. Justices Mathew and St. John overruled this contention, and directed the vestry to hold a new election.

In the Court of Appeal the strange penalty suit was mentioned, application being made on the part of Mrs. E. G. Thompson for an adjournment of the case, in which she seeks to recover possession of her two children now in possession of Mr. A. H. House, who claims to be their father. Harriet was called to allow them to be the children of another man who was her husband. Their lordships ordered the case to stand over.

Application was made to Judge Boyd of the Dublin Court of Bankruptcy, on behalf of Head-constable Jennings, of Tipperary summonses against Messrs. Dillon O'Brien, on account of the recognisances £500 entered into by them at the Tipperary Assizes, Judge Boyd refusing to grant execution, holding that Constable Jennings could not be regarded as a creditor within the meaning of the Act, and if there was no other way of enforcing payment it was because a defect in the Act of Parliament.

An amusing action for slander has been tried by Mr. Justice Hawkins and a jury, plaintiff, a Mr. Ward, was the editor of local newspaper at Croydon, and he found himself engaged in a fight with Mr. Hartley, upon whom he was wisekeeping. The latter was a crowd in advocacy of Squash's remedies rheumatism. It was stated that the plaintiff had in his paper published strong comments on the proceedings of the defendant, who had retorted in jocular terms, which the plaintiff construed to be an imputation on his

Mrs. Darby has just died at the age of 10. Her husband was mayor of Deal over 27 years ago.

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The result of the Strand election is, according to Sir Richard Webbott's conclusive report to Sir William Harcourt's convention that there has been a change in public opinion.

While the great library of the Incorporated Law Society in Chancery-lane contained 60 volumes in 1851, it now numbers nearly 57,000 volumes.

At the Central Criminal Court, a sentence of twenty years' penal servitude was passed upon William Archer, a blacksmith, feloniously assaulting his daughter.

Vincent Wolsely asks all who wish secure peace to believe that no man wishes a war more than the patriot soldier, if he knows better than others how truly horrible it is.

A young farmer named John, of McGregor, Iowa, quarrelled with John Otto, a school teacher, for being paid salary while Otto was killed, and when his son returned his body he was fatally wounded.

"An election in the Strand is," says Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, "of infinitely importance than any election where numbers of illiterate Irishmen blindly vote for Horace Bulo."

The intelligence comes from New York that a prominent member of the detective force has committed suicide. The man who had faith in the catching capabilities of the average "tec" the news is taken very much amiss.

The London correspondent of the Birmingham Post notes the personal resemblance of the new dean of Christ Church to Canon Knox-Hall. Canon Pargett, it is true, is far better little and slimmer and cleaner, but with a countenance of a distinctly ascetic type.

Dr. Konny, M.P., has been dismissed from his post as physician to Maynooth College "his pronouncements on several public occasions being grossly offensive to the clergy and consequently unworthy of an officer of the great ecclesiastical college of Catholic Ireland."

The following M.P.'s are under 30—Lord Carmarthen (Brixton), Mr. J. C. Bromfield (Dorchester), Mr. E. G. St. Edward G. Berwick-on-Tweed, Sir T. Edmondson (Durban), Mr. Lawson (West St. Pancras), Viscount Westmoreland (Frome), and Francis Stevenson (Eyre).

Mr. Frederick Smith is, in a double sense, the youngest member of the House of Commons. He is only 23 years of age. The youngest member is Lord Walter George Lennox (Chichester), who is 23. Then come Mr. Cornwallis (Malden), 27, and George Wyndham (Mr. Balfour's private secretary), 28.

The origin of the Incorporated I.S. Society's library was singular. In 1822 well-known solicitor made the institution present of the statutes at large, donations began to flow in, and when the society moved to its present quarters in 1833 there were 1,000 volumes. The solicitors now have one of the finest law libraries in the world.

At Leeds, a youth named Eastwood, son of the landlord of the Duke of Wellington Hotel, was domestic in the employment of his father-in-law. The prisoner, during a quarrel with the girl, threw a table-knife at her. It struck her on the face, and nearly cut off her nose, which was left hanging by a mere shred of skin.

Mr. Edward Terry will preside at the twenty-third annual meeting of the Southern Fine Art Gallery, to be held in the new gallery, Portland House, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 19th of November, at 3 p.m. He will be supported by Mr. Henry A. Jones, Mr. Alexander Brough, also by a number of the local artists and by Mr. Wyke-Hatfield.

In the Long Sutton District of Lincoln the potato-pickers have struck work for increase of pay. They now ask for 1s. 10d. per all round, including boys and girls. The men refused on Tuesday, the 10th of November, at the first strike they demanded 1s. 8d., and the present time some of the farmers have paid as much as 2s. The work is very backward this year, and very little progress being made.

Mr. Courtney, speaking at Liskeard, visited the managers of voluntary schools to respect the views of parents in respect to scientific scruples. He said he shrunk from touching the question of disestablishment until circumstances required that it should be considered; but he recommended clergy to accustom their minds to the issue and ascertain the means by which they would meet the changed situation whenever it brought about.

The death is announced of Mr. Corne Pearson, of Harper-street, Bloomsbury, known for many years as a painter in water-colours. Mr. Pearson, who was born in Boston, in Lincolnshire, came to London an early art and became a pupil to a capable engraver. He soon showed considerable talent in water-colour drawing, and for many years a regular exhibitor in galleries of the Society of British Artists in Suffolk-street. He was in his 83rd year.

The late Mr. Blades, a high authority on the antiquities of printing, relates as a curious story that in former times Hugenots did not value their literary treasures as highly as they ought to do. He said that one day he went to a library to examine some of the rare volumes on its shelves, when, to his dismay, he found a domestic thief with a price for a printed volume printed by Catton. The girl astonished at his indignation, considering she said there were so many other old books lying about the place!

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(The Events of the Week up to Thursday Night will be found in "LARRY LYONS" Article.)

### RACING.

#### NEWMARKET HOUTON MEETING.

THE SUBSCRIBERS' STAKES—Galloway Green, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; Lorette, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; Wood-burn, 4 yrs, 10 to 1; 3 yrs, 10 to 1; 2 yrs, 10 to 1; 1 yr, 10 to 1; 6 to 1; 5 to 1; 4 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; 1 to 1.

THE THREE WELTER HANDICAP—Fountain-hill, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; Filibuster, 4 yrs, 10 to 1; Lorette, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; 3 yrs, 10 to 1; 2 yrs, 10 to 1; 1 yr, 10 to 1; 6 to 1; 5 to 1; 4 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; 1 to 1.

A SECOND-CLASS HANDICAP PLATE—Orange Peel, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; Filibuster, 4 yrs, 10 to 1; Lorette, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; 3 yrs, 10 to 1; 2 yrs, 10 to 1; 1 yr, 10 to 1; 6 to 1; 5 to 1; 4 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; 1 to 1.

THE DUNSTON PLATE OF 300 SOVS.—Last year's champion, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; Filibuster, 4 yrs, 10 to 1; Lorette, 5 yrs, 10 to 1; 3 yrs, 10 to 1; 2 yrs, 10 to 1; 1 yr, 10 to 1; 6 to 1; 5 to 1; 4 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; 1 to 1.

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